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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 December 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-16 and 18-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,10,12-15,21 and 22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5,7-9,11,16 and 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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SECOND OFFICE ACTION AFTER RCE ----- A FINAL REJECTION

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 5, 7-9, 11, 16, 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

These claims are rejected because of the following reasons:

Claim 5:

The recitation "*wherein the pulsed load has a switching frequency which is greater than 2 KHz*" lacks proper antecedent basis.

First, claim 1 defines "a motor having at least one switched phase winding". This motor having at least one phase winding is a pulsed load. Thus, claim 1 defines a narrow limitation whereas claim 5 defines a broad limitation of the same item. In view of the foregoing reason, the "pulsed load" of claim 5 is considered indefinite and lacks of antecedent basis.

Secondly, the 2 KHz switching frequency has already been defined in claim 1.

Claims 7, 8, 9, 18:

Same reasons as that of claim 5, namely, the "pulsed load" is a motor.

Claims 19:

Claims 10 and 19 are identical. If claim 10 remains unchanged, claim 19 should be canceled, assuming that claims 7, 8, 9, 18 have been canceled.

Claims 11, 20:

Claims 11 and 20 define "impeller" driven by the motor. This limitation has already been defined in claim 1.

Claim 16:

Claim 16 is defining a different species than a motor. Claim 16 defines "the pulsed load is a power supply" and "the switched winding comprises a transformer". The power supply and the transformer are different species than a motor and mutually exclusive from the motor.

3. Claims 5, 7-9, 11, 16, 18-20 should be canceled for consistency reasons.
4. Claims 1-4, 10, 12-15, 21, 22 are allowable. Upon cancellation of claims 5, 7-9, 11, 16, 18-20 the dependency of claims 10, 12, 13 should be amended accordingly.

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Bentsu Ro at telephone number 571 272-2072.

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Senior Examiner
Art Unit 2837